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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT & TRADEMARK OFFICE

IN RE APPLICATION OF :  
TADAAKI KANEKO, ET AL. : EXAMINER: LANGMAN, J. C.  
SERIAL NO: 10/566,652 :  
FILED: JUNE 28, 2006 : GROUP ART UNIT: 1794  
FOR: TANTALUM CARBIDE, METHOD :  
FOR PRODUCING TANTALUM  
CARBIDE, TANTALUM CARBIDE  
WIRING AND TANTALUM CARBIDE  
ELECTRODE

AMENDMENT

COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS  
ALEXANDRIA, VIRGINIA 22313

SIR:

In response to the Office Action dated January 15, 2010, Applicants respectfully request reconsideration of the above-identified application in view of the following amendment, Declaration under 37 CFR 1.132 **submitted herewith**, and remarks.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Discussion of the Claims** begin on page 7 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 8 of this paper.